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Steven Sims is an outstanding Pennsylvanian and American, as well as an excellent role model for future academy students. On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, it is my honor to recognize Steven for his service to our community and our nation.

RECOGNIZING JOHN "JACK"
BENNETT

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, along with Representatives MARK DESAULNIER, ANNA G. ESHOO, RO KHANNA, BARBARA LEE, JERRY MCNERNEY, JIMMY PANNETTA, and MIKE THOMPSON, I rise to recognize John "Jack" Bennett on the occasion of his retirement from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on November 30, 2020.

Before finding himself with a federal badge, Jack was a Special Agent with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. From there, he joined the Drug Enforcement Administration before landing at the FBI Academy in 1998. From the beginning, Jack's leadership skills were apparent. His academy class awarded him the "Fidelity, Bravery, and Integrity" award upon graduation. When the World Trade Center was attacked on 9/11, Jack was in his first assignment in nearby Newark, New Jersey and aided in the investigation.

Jack's experience goes well beyond law enforcement and into law creation. His legislative experience came from serving as the FBI's agent embedded with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. There, he was instrumental in drafting child-protection legislation that would become the Adam Walsh Act.

Jack's portfolio and experience continued to expand and evolve as he was appointed to the FBI Director's Next Generation Cyber Initiative, leading to partnerships with the tech community and encouraging collaboration the public and private sectors. His experience there made him a natural fit to run the FBI's Digital Forensics and Analysis Section, where he worked with several of our allies around the world to embed American forensic professionals and assist with counterterrorism efforts worldwide.

It was my privilege to work with Jack while he served as the Special Agent in Charge of

the San Francisco Division. While charged with running the FBI's 6th largest field office, he also served as the Director of National Intelligence for the Pacific Region and chaired the FBI Director's Special Agents in Charge Advisory Committee.

As Bay Area Members of Congress, we appreciated Jack's leadership most when our nearby communities suffered great tragedy, such as the investigation into the mass shooting in Gilroy in July 2019.

I thank Jack for his service. His entire career has been dedicated to keeping Americans safe, and it is much appreciated. We wish him all the best on his well-earned retirement and while he spends more time with his wife, Teresa, and children, Natalie and Luke.

HONORING SUSIE MILLER, DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR TEXAS-24TH

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I have had the high honor of representing the 24th Congressional District of Texas since 2005, and throughout the past sixteen years, I have been most fortunate to have only one District Director. My District Director, Susie Miller, has been the bedrock of my team, ensuring the highest levels of constituent outreach and service throughout the district. Her standards of service and professionalism are a model to others, as is the humble manner with which she goes about her work. She is an outstanding public servant in the truest fashion.

Susie is the longest tenured staff member of the Team Marchant office, as her service dates back to when I was serving in the Texas House of Representatives. Her experience and knowledge of the district is irreplaceable. She has led an outstanding district office, one where her encouragement drives the staffers she supervises to achieve the best outcome for our constituents in every situation.

Her impact was not limited to the district, but was felt in Washington, D.C. as well. Susie was instrumental in fostering a great working relationship between my Washington and Texas offices. All too often, I will hear my colleagues complain about needless tensions between their Washington and district offices. That was never the case for me, in large part because of Susie and her constant dedication to ensure all staffers were on the same page and supported each other. Truth be told, the Washington office always looked forward to the frequent deliveries of Girl Scout cookie care packages that Susie would send—of course, those cookies didn't last long.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in thanking Susie Miller for her many years of service and to also express our gratitude to the entire Miller family, her husband Doug and their sons Doug, Jr. and Rick. They have been most supportive of Susie with her work at odd hours of the day and on weekends. Like many of our staffers, Susie's work was not limited by the nine-to-five schedule, often requiring work on the weekends or after hours. I know that Susie will miss much about the job when she retires from being a Congressional staffer at the end of this Congress, but perhaps the late

evening and weekend emergency phone calls will not be missed too much. I thank Susie for all of her hard work, I could not have done my job without her.

WILLIAM EPPES PROCTOR

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of William Eppes Proctor, who sadly passed away on December 6, 2020.

William was a Tallahassee native and a Senior at Florida State University pursuing a degree in Risk Management and Insurance.

William was loved by everyone he interacted with and made certain that he left a positive mark on each community he touched.

William found his second family with the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon, where he excelled in one of the fraternity's main staples—virtue.

William's high moral standards and principles enabled him to serve in many different departments of his university—including his fraternity, the Florida State Student Foundation, and Garnet & Gold Key.

William will continue to serve as an inspiration and a light to all.

My thoughts, prayers, and condolences are with William's mother, Lesley; his father, Robert; his sister, Grace; and his friends.

Though not here with us physically, his laughter, heart, spirit, and memory will live on forever—may he rest in peace.

IN HONOR OF DAVID DIEDRICH

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Diedrich of Blair County, Pennsylvania for his service to Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District on the 2020 U.S. Service Academy Nomination Committee.

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